## Durham Police Department 2015 Second Quarter Report August 17, 2015 Police Chief Jose L. Lopez Sr.

Overall Part 1 crime (the total of Part 1 violent and property crimes) increased by 5 percent during the first six months of 2015, compared to the first six months of 2014. The rise was primarily caused by increases in robberies, aggravated assaults and larcenies.

Part 1 violent crime (homicide, rape, robbery and aggravated assault) rose by 13.5 percent during the first six months of 2015. Reported rapes were at a three-year low during this period.

Part 1 Violent Crime	2013	2014	2015	% Change 2014-15
Homicides	13	10	16	60%
Rapes	47	52	39	-25%
Robberies	282	301	360	20%
Aggravated Assaults	391	587	664	13%
Violent Crime	733	950	1079	13.5%

Part 1 property crime (burglary, larceny and motor vehicle theft) was up by 3 percent during the first two quarters of 2015. Property crimes made up 84 percent of all Part 1 crimes reported during the first half of 2015. More than half of all Part 1 crimes – 53 percent – were reported larcenies.

Part 1 Property Crime	2013	2014	2015	% Change 2014-15
Burglaries	1485	1728	1670	-3%
Larcenies	2984	3176	3391	7%
<b>Motor Vehicle Thefts</b>	346	293	305	4%
Property Crime	4815	5197	5366	3%
Index Crime	5548	6147	6445	5%

Youth Arrests (16-17) and Juvenile Petitions (<16) for January-June 2015

Offense/Age	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	Grand Total
Aggravated Assault						3	1	2	6
All Other Offenses					10	9	20	35	74
Arson						1			1
Burglary					4	2	7	14	27
<b>Disorderly Conduct</b>					1			2	3
Driving While Impaired								1	1
Drug Violations					1	1	3	20	25
Fraud			1	1		1	2	1	6
Homicide							1	1	2
Larceny			3		8	16	21	28	76
Non-Reportable Offenses				1		2	4	5	12
Obscene Materials/Pornography							1		1
Offenses Against Family							1		1
Robbery		1	1	2	8	6	5	9	32
Simple Assault	1		1	2	3	5	6	13	31
Stolen Property					5	1	6	9	21
Vandalism			2					3	5
Weapon Violations						1	1	9	11
Grand Total	1	1	8	6	40	48	79	152	335

Statistics provided by the Police Department's Crime Analysis Unit

Part 1 Domestic Violence Crimes January-June

	YTD 2013	YTD 2014	YTD 2015
Murder	1	0	2
Rape	12	10	7
Robbery	5	5	12
Aggravated Assault	124	143	146
Violent Crime	142	158	167
Burglary	24	42	39
Larceny	70	49	81
Motor Vehicle Theft	7	4	5
Property Crime	101	95	125
Part 1 Index Crime	243	253	292

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10 Most Dangerous Intersections during 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter (Based on number of accidents and severity of accidents)

Rank	Road A	Road B
1	Interstate 40	Page Road
2	Holloway Street	Junction Road
3	NC 55	Cornwallis Road
4	NC 147 (Durham Freeway)	Fulton Street
5	Interstate 85	Guess Road
6	NC 54	Huntingridge Road
7	Interstate 40	NC 55
8	NC 147 (Durham Freeway)	Alston Avenue
9	Interstate 40	Fayetteville Road
10	Interstate 40	NC 54

Statistics provided by the Durham Police Department's Traffic Services Unit

Part 2 Offenses January to June

Offense	2014	2015
All Other Offenses	319	344
Arson	8	17
Disorderly Conduct	22.	18
Driving While Impaired	240	209
Drug Violations	743	576
Embezzlement	73	70
Forgery/Counterfeiting	33	85
Fraud	738	779
Liquor Law Violations	8	8
Obscene Material/Pornography	19	8
Offenses Against Family	60	72
Prostitution	6	11
Sex Offense	85	56
Simple Assault	789	890
Stolen Property	30	29
Vandalism	803	876
Weapon Violations	130	143

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## Police Recruit Applicants Tested During the 2nd Quarter 2015

2015 2nd Quarter	Number of Applicants	Failed Written Test	Failed Physical Test	Durham Residents Total	Durham Residents Failed Test
White Male	21	1	1	4	0
White Female	3	0	0	1	0
African-American Male	24	5	3	11	2
African-American Female	9	2	1	6	3
Latino Male	3	2	0	0	0
Latino Female	0	0	0	0	0
Asian Male	2	0	0	0	0
Other Male	2	0	1	1	1
Totals	65	9	5	16	7

Statistics provided by the Durham Police Department's Training Division

### Final 90-Day Initiative Statistics

Early this year, police commanders noticed a significant increase in aggravated assaults/shootings and put together a 90-day initiative to focus on these crimes. The 90-day initiative focused on the areas of East Weaver Street/South Roxboro Street/East Cornwallis Road and McDougald Terrace. It was later expanded to areas of Liberty Street. These locations were chosen based on crime statistics.

Officers also developed a list of people believed to be involved in the shootings and violence. During the 90-day initiative, officers arrested more than 25 of the targeted individuals on various charges including murder, robbery with a dangerous weapon, 2<sup>nd</sup> degree kidnapping, drug trafficking, weapons violations, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, breaking and entering and probation violations.

The 90-day initiative started in January and ended in April.

Final Statistics from the 90-Day Initiative:

- Target Area Activities 915
- Search Warrants 58
- Knock and Talks 310
- Community Projects/Meetings 46
- Directed Patrols/Foot Patrols 561
- Traffic Stops 522
- Felony Arrests 215
- Traffic Citations 453
- Misdemeanor Arrests 521
- Warrants/Summons Served 175
- Firearms Confiscated 40
- Drug Arrests/Charges 175
- License Checkpoints 17
- Amount of Cocaine Base Seized (grams) 203.8
- Amount of Cocaine Powder Seized (grams) 82.7
- Amount of Heroin Seized (grams) 82.8
- Amount of Marijuana Seized (grams) 2112.2
- Amount of Other Drugs Seized (# of Pills) 796.5

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Homicide Arrests

**Homicide Arrest** – Christopher Lee Allen, 18, of Durham was arrested on July 2 in Roxboro and charged with murdering 37-year-old Anthony Tremaine Glenn near the intersection of Holloway Street and Raynor Street.

Officers responded to a possible traffic accident at 12:46 p.m. on June 26 on Raynor Street. When they arrived, they found Glenn, who had been shot. Glenn was located in the driver's seat of a vehicle which struck a parked car. He was pronounced dead at the scene. According to investigators, the shooting apparently happened after an argument at the AutoZone in the 1700 block of Holloway Street. The incident did not appear to be random.

**Homicide Arrest** – Durham police arrested 21-year-old Shatique Kamal Skinner on May 21 and charged him with murder in the May 18 shooting death of a man on Cheek Road.

Officers responded to a shooting call at an apartment complex at 1835 Cheek Road. When they arrived, they found a male who had been shot in the parking lot. The male, identified as 52-year-old Frederick Edgerton of Durham, was pronounced dead at the scene. The shooting was not a random act, according to investigators.

**Homicide Arrest** – Durham police arrested Anthony Peaks Jr., 21, of Durham on June 17 and charged him with murder in the June 12 shooting death of 20-year-old Javaun Devonte Graves of Durham. The shooting apparently happened in the 700 block of Atlantic Street after an argument, according to investigators. The shooting does not appear to have been random. Officers also served outstanding warrants for possession of stolen goods, possession of marijuana and obtaining property by false pretense on Peaks.

**Homicide Arrest** – On May 19, Alex Lee Noel, 22, was indicted for murder in connection with the death of his 2-month-old daughter earlier in the month. The baby was taken to the hospital May 7 and police were notified due to the nature of the baby's injuries. The baby – Karina Noel - died as a result of her injuries on May 8.

**Homicide Arrest** – Willie Poole, 55, of Durham, was arrested April 26 on murder charges in connection with a January 6, 2015 homicide on East Main Street in Durham. Poole is charged with murdering 30-year-old Mark Antwan Peaks. Durham police responded to a call in the 900 block of East Main Street around 2 a.m. on January 6. When officers arrived, they found Peaks dead behind an apartment complex. Peaks had multiple gunshot wounds.

**Homicide Arrest** – On June 25, Durham police arrested Dominick Jackson, 16, of Durham, and charged him with murder in the death of his grandfather, William Evans, 65, of Durham. Officers responded to a possible cardiac arrest call around 6 a.m. on June 25 at 4737 University Drive. When they arrived, they found Evans, who had been shot. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

**2014 Homicide Arrest** – Melanie Lashay Battle, 22, of Durham was arrested on June 9 and charged with murder in the May 2014 death of her 15-month-old daughter, Tameya Rodgers. The child died as a result of blunt force trauma, according to a medical examiner's report. Battle was arrested by the Halifax County (NC) Sheriff's Office.

**2013 Homicide Arrest** – A Durham man, already in jail on a murder charge, was indicted in April for a 2013 murder. Everett Graves, 24, of Durham was indicted for murder in connection with the December 17, 2013 fatal shooting of 28-year-old Desmond Romario Williams of Durham. Officers were dispatched at 2:21 p.m. on December 17, 2013, to a "shots fired" call in the 2600 block of East Shoreham Street. When they arrived, they found Williams lying in the street. Williams had been shot and was pronounced dead at the scene. According to investigators, Williams and Graves knew each other and the incident did not appear to be random.

Graves was already in jail charged with murder in the January 14, 2014 fatal shooting of 9-year-old Jaeden Sharpe of Durham. The child and his mother – 31-year-old Lakeisha Holloway – were in a vehicle on Lucas Drive when shots were fired into the vehicle. The shooting happened around 6 p.m. on January 4. Ms. Holloway was able to drive a few blocks away to get help.

She and her son were taken to the hospital for treatment of serious injuries. Jaeden died on January 10, 2014 as a result of his injuries. Investigators charged Graves on January 22, 2014 with murder and assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill inflicting serious injury in connection with this case.

**2012 Double Homicide Arrest** – A South Carolina man was arrested on April 14 on murder charges in connection with a 2012 double homicide on Dawkins Street in Durham. Members of the Operation Intercept (OPIN) U.S. Marshals Fugitive Task Force from Charleston, S.C., arrested 38-year-old Tyrone Thompson in Goose Creek, S.C. Thompson is charged with murdering Paul Noel and Timothy McGhee in January 2012.

Durham police responded to a shooting call at 1212 Dawkins Street at 9:12 p.m. on January 8, 2012. When officers arrived, they found McGhee, 24, of 1212 Dawkins Street, dead inside the house. Noel, 22, of 700 Morreene Road, was taken to Duke University Hospital, where he died a short time later. Both men died from gunshot wounds. According to investigators, numerous shots were fired at the house, which was occupied by several people.

# Significant 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Robbery Arrests

**Robbery Arrests** – Six men were arrested on April 29 and charged with committing several armed robberies in Durham during April. The six - Kester Anthony, 19; Malik Hill, 24; Rontrez Marsh, 16; Jerelle McMannus, 19; Jalen Patterson, 19; and one 14-year-old, all of Durham - were arrested after they allegedly committed robberies in the 800 block of N. Driver Street and the 600 block of Raynor Street on April 28.

Investigators cleared an additional 10 armed robberies following the arrests. The six arrestees operated as a group, and not all six were responsible for each of the additional robberies, according to investigators. The locations of the 10 other armed robberies allegedly committed by the group:

April 18	200 block of Stokes Street
April 19	4000 block of Meriwether Drive
	900 block of Chalk Level Road
	300 block of LaSalle Street
April 22	300 block of LaSalle Street
	4000 block of Meriwether Drive
	400 block of East Pilot Street
April 23	900 block of Chalk Level Road
April 25	4000 block of Meriwether Drive
April 26	500 block of Homeland Avenue

The majority of the victims were Hispanic. Durham police recognized the pattern of the robbers and quickly put operations in place in an effort to address the series of crimes.

**Robbery Arrests** – Three men were in the parking lot of an apartment complex on Calibre Park Drive on June 3 when two males armed with guns and wearing bandanas over their faces approached them and robbed them of phones, cash and wallets. One of the armed suspects then forced one victim into his apartment at gunpoint. The other suspect stayed in the parking lot with the remaining two victims. A female in the apartment was also robbed. The family dog was shot once by the suspect. The dog was transported to the vet hospital for treatment of injuries.

Alvis Gentry, 20, and James Stephen Thorpe, 23, were arrested and charged with four counts of robbery with a dangerous weapon, six counts of second-degree kidnapping, one count of first-degree burglary and one count of felony conspiracy.

**Robbery Arrests** – Durham police investigators charged two men with robbing the Kangaroo Express convenience store at 3301 Guess Road on June 23. Two males wearing masks and armed with guns entered the store around 2:30 a.m. and demanded money. After robbing the store they fled in a vehicle which was stopped short time later by Officer A.L. Figueroa. The money and guns were recovered.

Officers charged Lyndon Fitzgerald Darling Jr., 25, and Derrick Deshawn Harris, 21, both of Durham. Darling was charged with one count of conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon. Harris was charged with conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon and possession of a firearm by a felon.

**Robbery Arrests** – Two males were leaving a fair on Stadium Drive on April 3 when they were approached by a group of males and robbed at gunpoint. One victim was assaulted during the robbery. Investigators arrested David Lee Burnette, 17, and two 15-year-old males and charged them with two counts of armed robbery, two counts of misdemeanor assault and two counts of conspiracy.

**Robbery Arrests** – Two males wearing masks and armed with guns robbed Two Brothers convenience store at 3310 Dearborn Drive on May 6. A short time later, K9 Officer R.D. Wale stopped a vehicle matching the description of the one occupied by the suspects. Officers recovered guns, masks and money. Boris Satterwhite, 21, and James Hammiel, 19, were charged with robbery with a dangerous weapon and felony conspiracy. Kelly Reese, 20, and Christopher Frye, 18, were charged with felony conspiracy.

**Robbery Arrest** – Officers responded to an armed robbery on Davis Drive on April 30. Witnesses told officers a man beat another man with a golf club and took the victim's keys. According to investigators, the male with the golf club – Rucan Huang, 52, of Cary – was a disgruntled Craigslist customer who allegedly lured the victim to the location using Craigslist, beat him with a golf club, took his car keys and demanded a refund. Investigators charged Huang with robbery with a dangerous weapon, second-degree kidnapping and assault with a deadly weapon.

**Robbery Arrests** – A 21-year-old male was going to his vehicle on Holman Street when four males approached him on May 8. One of the suspects put a gun to the victim's back and demanded everything the victim had. The suspects took the victim's phone and vehicle.

Officers found the stolen vehicle a short time later in the 300 block of Junction Road. Investigators charged Timothy Richardson, 17, and Dontriece James, 19, both of Durham, with robbery with a dangerous weapon, conspiracy and larceny of a motor vehicle. Richardson was also charged with possession of a stolen vehicle.

**Bank Robbery Arrests** – Steven Patrick Richardson, 54, of Durham was arrested and charged with robbing one bank and attempting to rob a second bank on May 23.

A male wearing a hat, sunglasses and a blue shirt entered the State Employees Credit Union at 3810 Ben Franklin Boulevard around 5:30 p.m. and demanded money. No weapon was seen. He fled with an undisclosed amount of cash.

Two hours earlier, a male wearing a hat and sunglasses entered First Citizens Bank at 4004 North Roxboro Street and said to the tellers, "This is a stickup." He then told them he was joking and left the bank. The man was wearing a yellow shirt, but he matched the description of the man who later robbed the SECU, according to investigators.

Richardson was charged with common-law robbery in connection with the robbery at the State Employees Credit Union. He was charged with attempted common-law robbery in connection with the incident at First Citizens Bank.

**Robbery/Officer-Involved Shooting** – Durham police officers responded to a robbery in progress at McDonald's restaurant at 3117 Tower Boulevard shortly before 4 a.m. on June 17. When officers arrived, all the lights in the business were off, but officers noticed movement inside. Officers entered the business and saw a male with his arm around a female employee's neck. The suspect repeatedly threatened to kill the employee, according to a preliminary investigation.

After a brief standoff, Sgt. Glen Price fired one shot, striking the male in the face. The male, who was identified as Dennis Lawrence Palm Jr., 26, of Durham, was taken to the hospital for treatment of injuries that do not appear to be life-threatening. Palm was arrested and charged with two counts of second-degree kidnapping, one count of attempted common-law robbery, two counts of assault on a female and two counts of communicating threats. The female employee was not injured.

**Robbery, Burglary Arrests** – District 2 investigators arrested Dmonte O'Kelly and charged him in connection with three incidents in the Walltown neighborhood.

He was charged with breaking into an occupied home on Clarendon Street shortly after midnight on April 27 and stealing a MacBook. He was also charged with attempting to break into another occupied home on Clarendon Street around 11 p.m. on June 1. The residents heard someone at the bedroom window and the person fled when the residents came to the window.

Kelly is also charged with robbing a female on Onslow Street on May 13. The female told officers she was putting items in her vehicle when she grabbed from behind and thrown to the ground. The suspect took her purse and phone. The stolen items were later located by a Durham police K9.

# Significant 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Aggravated Assault Arrests

**Shooting Arrest** – Officers initially responded to a shooting call in the 2400 block of Owen Street on April 22. When officers arrived, they discovered two victims had been shot inside their vehicle. The passenger was transported to the hospital with serious injuries. At the same time officers responded to Holloway Street in reference to a disturbance with a weapon. It was determined that the victims on Owen Street were shot on Holloway Street. Investigators arrested 31-year-old Andrew Demar Holman and charged him with two counts of attempted murder, one count of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and one count of discharging a firearm into an occupied vehicle.

**Shooting Arrest** – Officers responded to a shooting call in the 200 block of Gray Avenue on May 8. They were told that there had been an argument and a 37-year-old male had been shot in the shoulder. Ronald Lloyd Jr., 24, was arrested and charged with attempted first-degree murder, discharging a weapon into occupied property, discharging a firearm to entice, terrorize or injure occupants, breaking and entering with the intent to terrorize and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Simone Gaddy, 24, was arrested on three charges of felony conspiracy.

Shooting Arrest – Officers were dispatched to a disturbance with a weapon call on Rippling Stream Road on April 11. The female victims told officers they were driving on Rippling Stream Road when the occupants of a silver car fired several shots at the victims' vehicle. The occupants of a burgundy Ford Focus fired several shots were fired at the victims' residence after they got home. The victims were not injured. A short time later, officers stopped a burgundy Ford Focus at Drew Street and Alston Avenue. Officers recovered two guns from the vehicle. Investigators charged Javon Darden, 20, of Goldsboro, Garrett Hatch, 26, of Durham, Chad Meyers, 23, of Durham and a 15-year-old male with felony conspiracy and assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill. Darden was also charged with possession of a stolen firearm. Portia Chislom, 22, and Marquis Hines, 34, both of Durham, were charged with felony conspiracy.

**Shooting Arrest** – Officers responded to a shooting call on Walton Street on April 4. Several shots were fired as a male, a female and a baby got off a bus. The male suffered a gunshot wound to his elbow. J'Len Brooks, 21, of Durham was arrested on April 9 and charged with discharging a firearm within the city limits and three counts of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill.

**Stabbing Arrest** – Officers responded to a stabbing call in the 1300 block of Liberty Street on May 6. When they arrived, they found a 58-year-old male who had suffered serious injuries after being stabbed multiple times. According to witnesses, the victim did not know the suspect. Officers arrested Robert McLeod, 46, of Durham and charged him with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill inflicting serious injury.

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Significant Property Crime Arrest

**Vehicle Theft Arrest** – Demario Martez Jones, 27, of Durham was charged with stealing vehicles from Discovery Way, Cascade Falls Lane, Courtney Creek Boulevard, Holly Grove Way and Scots Pine Crossing during June. The stolen vehicles were Honda Accords and Honda Civics.

Durham police investigators charged Jones with five counts of larceny of a motor vehicle, five counts of breaking and entering to a motor vehicle, five counts of possession of a motor vehicle and several counts of driving while his license was revoked.

Jones was also wanted by other law enforcement agencies on the following charges: resisting, delaying and obstructing an officer, assault by pointing a gun, communicating threats, possession

of a firearm by a convicted felon, possession of a stolen vehicle, felony larceny, interfering with an electronic monitoring device and probation violations.

Jones was arrested on July 29 near Holloway Street and Lynn Road after he was involved in a single-vehicle accident in a stolen Honda. Officers caught him after a brief foot chase.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Drug Trafficking Arrests

Crystal Methamphetamine Trafficking Arrest – Investigators from the Durham Police Department's Special Operations Division arrested Miriam Landin, 18, of Brownsville, Texas, on drug trafficking charges on April 26. Investigators recovered close to 847 grams of crystal methamphetamine (worth at least \$847,000). Landin was charged with two counts of level III trafficking methamphetamine and one count of possession with intent to deliver.

**Heroin Trafficking Arrest** – HEAT 1 officers stopped a vehicle on North Alston Avenue on June 12 and confiscated six grams of heroin, six pills of Methylin (Schedule II), a blunt with cocaine, a straw with heroin residue and cash. Darnell Bass, 52, of Durham was arrested and charged with trafficking heroin, possession with the intent to manufacture, sell or deliver Schedule 1 and Schedule 2 controlled substances and other drug charges. Bass was also cited for driving while his license was revoked.

**Heroin Trafficking Arrests** – On April 15, investigators received a tip stating a wanted subject, 23-year-old Corey D. Holbert, was staying at a motel on N.C. 55. Holbert was wanted on charges of felony breaking and entering, robbery with a dangerous weapon and conspiracy in connection with a January 2015 case. Investigators located Holbert and 25-year-old Cassie Myers in a room at the motel. Holbert was arrested for his warrants and investigators confiscated 5.8 grams of heroin, miscellaneous drug paraphernalia and cash from the hotel room. Holbert was charged with trafficking heroin and three other drug charges. As part of a follow-up investigation, Cassie Myers was charged with trafficking in heroin, conspiracy and other drug charges.

**Heroin Trafficking Arrest** – On June 3, investigators from the Special Operations Division concluded a long-term investigation by arresting 47-year-old Teddy Mack. A total of 11 grams of heroin, one gram of marijuana, cash and various drug paraphernalia were seized. Mack was charged with six counts of trafficking heroin, two counts of possession of a controlled substance with the intent to manufacture, sell or deliver within 1,000 feet of a park and seven other drug charges.

**Heroin Trafficking Arrest** – HEAT 3 officers conducted a vehicle stop on Interstate 85 North near Hillandale Road on May 6. The driver, Frederick Cameron, 44, of Durham, was arrested on outstanding warrants for three counts of trafficking heroin, two counts of manufacturing, selling

or delivering controlled substances within 1,000 feet of a park and five other drug offenses. HEAT 3 officers also charged Cameron with possession of heroin, possession of cocaine, driving while his license was revoked and having an expired registration.

Cocaine Trafficking Arrests – Investigators served a search warrant at an apartment at 901 Chalk Level Road on April 28 and arrested three people on cocaine trafficking charges. Investigators seized 3.7 kilograms of cocaine, \$27,853 in cash, fake identifications, and a variety of drug paraphernalia.

Investigators charged Nicolas Sandoval-Santamaria, 30, Anel Agustiniano-Martinez, 39, and Jose Vazquez-Agustiniano, 20, all of 901 Chalk Level Road, with level 3 trafficking cocaine, maintaining a dwelling for the manufacture, sale or delivery of controlled substances and possession of drug paraphernalia. Vazquez-Agustiniano was also charged with possession of fraudulent identifications.

#### New Initiatives

**GunStoppers Initiative** – In April Durham CrimeStoppers, in partnership with Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN), launched a GunStoppers Initiative to reduce gun crimes. Traditionally violent crimes involve the use of illegal firearms. The GunStoppers Initiative focuses on soliciting information about illegal firearms in the community such as those possessed by felons, and those used in crimes. CrimeStoppers will pay up to \$500 cash for information leading to a felony arrest and recovery of an illegal gun in Durham.

Each month, officers and community volunteers go door-to-door speaking to residents and passing out information in areas which had the most gun violence in the previous month. They have done canvasses at McDougald Terrace and in the East Main Street/Hyde Park, Liberty Street/Grace Lane and East Main Street/Elm Street areas.

**Body Camera Forums** – The Durham Police Department (DPD) held six public listening forums in May and June to give citizens an opportunity to speak about the department's potential use of body-worn cameras. The public forums provided an opportunity for attendees to speak openly to police staff about body camera-related issues that are important to them. The intent was for police staff to gather feedback from residents to help guide and shape implementation of, and policy for, body-worn cameras, if approved.

**AEDs for the Police Department's Utility Terrain Vehicles** – The Durham Police Department equipped its utility terrain vehicles (UTVs) with automatic external defibrillators (AEDs). The UTVs are frequently used by officers to patrol the American Tobacco Trail. The vehicles are also used at events such as festivals and in response to calls where the terrain is difficult to navigate.

Adding these AEDs to the UTVs increases the ability to respond quickly with the right equipment in case of a cardiac emergency.

The Durham Police Department has 32 Philips Heartstart FRX AEDs. There are AEDs at Police Headquarters, every substation and the firing range. There are also two AEDs assigned to the Training Division that are carried during runs with the recruits.

All sworn DPD employees maintain CPR certification. In 2013, all civilian DPD employees were required to complete CPR training.



## A Sample of DPD 2nd Quarter Activities

## **Durham County Special Olympics Spring**

**Games** – Durham police officers came out on April 24 to support athletes at the Durham County Special Olympics spring games at Durham Academy.

Since 2008, DPD has raised approximately \$50,000 for NC Special Olympics through the department's annual Torch Run campaigns and Cops on Top events. Employees participated in the Cops on Top event on May 8 at Chick-Fil-A restaurants on North Roxboro Road and Hillsborough Road. Employees participated in the Durham County leg of the Torch Run on May 28.



National Crime Victims' Rights Week – The Durham Police Department participated in National Crime Victims' Rights Week on April 19-25, 2015. This year's theme — *Engaging Communities*. *Empowering Victims* – encouraged communities across the nation to highlight diversity and expand partnerships to serve victims of crime, enhance efforts to meet victims where they are, and empower crime victims as they pursue justice and recovery.

DPD's observance highlighted "Start By Believing" – a national campaign that aims to change the way communities respond to reports and victims of rape and sexual assault.

Activities for National Crime Victims' Rights Week in Durham included a 'Take Back The Night' concert (Friday, April 17); Tribute to Silent Victims Banquet (Sunday, April 19); Mayoral Proclamation (Monday, April 20); *Start By Believing* Panel Discussion (Wednesday, April 22); and a Community Luncheon Roundtable (Thursday, April 23).

**Durham County Peace Officers Memorial Service** – The annual Durham County Peace Officers Memorial Service was held on May 1 at First Calvary Baptist Church. The event is sponsored annually by the Durham County Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge #2. The keynote speaker was former Durham County District Attorney Leon Stanback.





Several Durham police officers attended the National Police Week events in May in Washington, D.C. Retired Durham Police Captain and National Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) Chaplain Phil Wiggins said a prayer for families of fallen officers during the National Peace Officers Memorial Service on May 15.

Officers from the Durham Police Department's Motor Unit escorted families during the Memorial Service, escorted classic cars in the DC area and escorted several mounted patrol units during the week.

**Prostitution Operation** – HEAT 1 conducted a prostitution operation at selected locations in East Durham on May 28. They arrested seven people on two felony and eight misdemeanor charges. They also served four warrants.

**Squad 4-C Southside Outreach** – Squad 4-C officers focused on the Southside community during the second quarter. They assisted the Southside Outreach Coordinator, Jared Pone, and the residents with a community Easter Egg Hunt on April 6. "It was refreshing to see the high volume of kids that came out and participated. This



was a good start in attempting to attain our goal of building a rapport with the residents so that we can better address the quality of life concerns for the area," officers wrote in their monthly report.

The Southside residents also advised that they wanted to start a Neighborhood Watch so Sgt. V.D. Bynum reached out to Master Officer Reese Carson of the Community Resource Unit for assistance. On May 4, Master Officer Carson met with the residents at the Southside Outreach Center to implement a Neighborhood Watch program. District 4 Captain Terrence Sembly, Sgt. Bynum and Sgt. Raul Garcia were also in attendance. "It was a great turnout and the residents were elated and very enthusiastic about the endeavor," officers wrote. Residents chose a chairperson and block captains at the meeting.

Squad members attended the Southside Neighborhood Play Streets event on June 13. This event was another effort through the Southside Outreach Coordinator, the police and other sponsors in continuing the goal of revitalizing the Southside Community. The event featured a Zumba demonstration, the Bouncing Bulldog Jump Rope Team, the Dancing Jewels Majorette Team, line dancing and more. Although it was a very hot day, the residents came out in numbers and were afforded the opportunity to see the officers participating and enjoying being in the company of the residents outside of a police work capacity.

**Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety** – On May 8, Sgt. Brian Massengill with the Bicycle Unit gave a "Let's Go NC"/"Watch for Me NC" presentation to approximately 200 students at Global Scholars Academy. The Let's Go NC curriculum focuses on bicycle and pedestrian for school age kids. Sgt. Massengill spoke to the whole school for about an hour and showed them several videos on pedestrian safety including crossing the street and how to be safe in parking lots. He also showed the students how to wear a bicycle helmet and how to install bicycle lights.



**W.G. Pearson Community Event** – On May 23, HEAT 4 investigators attended a community event at W.G Pearson Elementary School and facilitated a presentation on preventing youths from being involved in gang activity.

Click It or Ticket – The Traffic Services Unit focused on seatbelt usage and safety during May as part of the statewide Click It or Ticket campaign. Officers issued a total of 301 seatbelt citations at 30 checkpoints. Since its inception 22 years ago, the "Click It or Ticket" program has increased driver seat belt awareness and usage rates and reduced fatalities across North Carolina, according to the North Carolina Governor's Highway Safety Program.

Community Training in Dealing with Law Enforcement Event – Assistant Chief Winslow Forbes spearheaded a community training day through the D.L. Forbes Youth Foundation on April 11 at the Holton Resource Center. The event included discussions about police/community relationships, police use of force and rights of citizens. There were also role playing exercises and videos about various scenarios faced by officers. A Walk in Unity and Bull City Play Streets followed the discussion. Members of the D.L. Forbes Foundation's Honor Guard partnered with members of the Durham Police Department's Honor Guard and several officers and members of the Durham Police Department's command staff attended the event. There were approximately 150 attendees.

Hazmat Training Exercise – Durham Police Department's Selective Enforcement Team (SET), Biological Chemical Emergency Response Team (BCERT) and Hostage Negotiation Team participated in a multi-agency training exercise at the Army Research Office on South Miami Boulevard on May 26. The units implemented a simulated patrol response to a scenario in which an employee drives his vehicle containing biological/chemical items into the parking lot and plants explosives inside the building. Then, wearing a suicide vest with explosives, the employee takes hostages.



As part of the training, an incident command was established that included participation from the Durham Fire Department, Durham County Emergency Medical Services, Durham County Sheriff's Bomb Squad, Hazmat, Durham County Fire Marshal/Emergency Management and Federal Protective Service Police (Homeland Security). Civilian volunteers were employees of the Army Research Office who played the hostage roles.

### Above and Beyond

**Attempted Suicide** – Officer Jacob West was dispatched to an attempted suicide call on April 21. When he arrived at the residence, he could hear a vehicle running inside a locked garage. Officer West entered the garage and found a 48-year-old man lying unconscious on the garage floor. West was able to get the man out of the garage and the man regained consciousness by the time EMTs arrived.

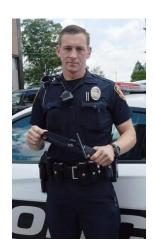
Assistance to Family in Need – Officer J.R. Hitchings (Squad 2-B) received a call on May 31 to assist a family. A single mother of two, one with special needs, did not have any place to stay. Officer Hitchings made numerous calls to agencies in Durham, Orange and Wake counties to find a place for them, but he was unable to locate anywhere they could stay. At one point, he thought he had found a place in Orange County and bought gas so the woman and her children could drive to the location. Unfortunately, this prospect fell through so Officer Hitchings obtained a hotel room for Saturday and Sunday nights for the family until they could go to Social Services for help on Monday. "Officer Hitchings showed the utmost compassion and concern for this family and went well beyond what was required of him that night," his supervisor wrote.

**Emergency Tourniquets** – Twice during June, officers from Squad 1-D were able to use an emergency tourniquet to treat potentially life-threatening injuries.

On June 11, Officer Richard Armstrong used an emergency tourniquet and his medical training to help a shooting victim who was bleeding heavily from a wound to his femoral artery. Officer Armstrong, who was four blocks away when the call was dispatched, was able to completely stop the bleeding by the time EMS workers arrived on scene a short time later. The shooting victim is now recovering from his injuries.

On June 30, Officer David Cramer was dispatched to a disturbance/stabbing call on Junction Road. When he arrived, he found two men bleeding from wounds. One man was lying inside an apartment, bleeding heavily from stab wounds. A second man was in the parking lot.

Cramer and other officers detained the man in the parking lot and then Cramer checked again on the man in the apartment, who was unconscious and still bleeding heavily. Cramer, who carries an emergency tourniquet in his duty bag, used the tourniquet on the man's upper arm, which stopped the severe bleeding from the man's brachial artery. Durham County EMS arrived on scene seconds later and transported the man to the hospital, where he underwent treatment for his injuries.





Officer Armstrong has been an advocate for equipping officers with emergency medical supplies such as emergency tourniquets to help officers and citizens survive life-threatening injuries when minutes count.

Two years ago, as part of his required recruit Neighborhood Portfolio Exercise, Officer Armstrong made a compelling presentation about the need to equip officers with officer lifesaver kits, which would include emergency tourniquets. Officer Armstrong was trained in the use of these supplies while serving in the United States Marine Corps. He said the emergency tourniquets can be used to treat traumatic injuries from shootings, car accidents or other incidents that cause severe blood loss from limb trauma. In these cases, minutes matter and treatment could be started before EMS arrives on scene.

Several months ago, Armstrong supplied the officers on his squad, including Cramer, with emergency tourniquets. The Police Department recently received approval from city officials to use asset forfeiture funds to purchase approximately 380 emergency tourniquets for patrol officers.

Durham County EMS has provided in-service training to officers about how and when to use the tourniquets. The emergency tourniquets can be used to treat traumatic injuries from shootings, car accidents or other incidents that cause severe blood loss from limb trauma. In these cases, minutes matter and treatment could be started before EMS arrives on scene.

### **Durham Jaycees 2015 Outstanding Young Public**

**Servant** – In April Officer David Kub was honored by the Durham Jaycees as the 2015 Young Public Servant for Durham.

Officer Kub joined the Durham Police Department in 2012 and was described in the nomination as "an enthusiastic young police officer who has demonstrated a desire to go above and beyond every day while at work. As a rookie officer, he designed a pedestrian safety initiative that was presented to city leaders. He consistently works to broaden his skills as an officer and investigator and to become a better resource for the citizens of Durham."



One of his patrol supervisors summed up his impression of Officer Kub by saying, "He is the guy you want to come when you call 911. He will take the time to listen to you and he will do everything you need to have done."

**Durham Civitan Club's Louis J. Carver Outstanding Service Award** – The Durham Civitan Club honored Master Officer Frank Gore with the Louis J. Carver Outstanding Service Award on May 14. Master Officer Gore joined the Durham Police Department in 1986 and retired in April 2015 as a motor officer. In addition to his motor duties, Master Officer Gore taught a wide variety of law enforcement classes on the local and state levels. He served as a mentor to many officers over the years and developed strong partnerships between the Durham Police Department and other law enforcement and community agencies.



During the past year, Master Officer
Gore taught the Durham Police
Department's new recruits classes in
traffic crash investigation, firearms
and driver's training. In addition,
Master Officer Gore taught Radar
Basic Operator School, a Radar
Recertification Course, and a Child
Passenger Safety Technician Course.
Master Officer Gore was valuable
member to the Child Passenger Safety
Training Committee and is currently a

Police Motor Instructor. He is also a BikeSafe North Carolina instructor and assessor. In 2013, Master Officer Gore was recognized as the Instructor of the Year by the North Carolina Child Passenger Safety Training Committee. As an instructor, Master Officer Gore has taught 40-hour child passenger seat installation certification classes to more than 1,000 people during his career.

Master Officer Gore is dedicated to passing on the valuable skills he has attained, throughout his career, to others in order to improve the level of service to the citizens of Durham. Master Officer Gore's work ethic is beyond reproach as is his dedication to this profession, which he truly loves. He is respected by all and his reputation has spread across law enforcement. He is a mentor, instructor, leader, officer, and most of all, a friend to all with whom he came into contact during his exemplary law enforcement career.

## Durham Police Department Annual Service Awards

The Durham Police Department held its annual Service Awards program on May 21 and presented the following awards:

*Community Service Medal* (The Community Service Medal honors DPD police officers, non-sworn DPD employees and members of the general public for service to the community above and beyond the call of duty that promotes public safety).

- City of Durham Neighborhood Improvement Services Community Engagement Team Lynwood Best, Nicholas Allen, Robin Dixon, Laura Biediger, Pamela Pagan and Wanona Satcher
- 2. Daryl Hedgspeth Neighborhood Improvement Services Impact Team
- 3. Helen "Chick" Hinton and Pat Ellis Durham CrimeStoppers
- 4. Nana Asante Durham Crisis Response Center
- 5. Hazeline Umstead PAC 3
- 6. Pastor Dan Johnson Mosaic Church
- 7. Alice Cheek PAC 5
- 8. Christina Fountain
- 9. Chaplain Ralph Thompson Emergency Chaplains
- 10. Durham Police Officer Mark Walkowe
- 11. Durham Police Sgt. Stephen Vaughan
- 12. Durham Police Employees Cpl. Jessica "Brie" Butler and Lukas Strout
- 13. Durham Police Officer Jacob West

*Certificate of Merit* (Certificate of Merit is presented to members for outstanding performance or devotion to duty, possibly involving personal safety)

- 1. Master Officer Larry Cox
- 2. Master Officer Frank Gore (retired)
- 3. Sgt. Glen Price
- 4. Investigator Anne Cristaldi
- 5. Lt. Shari Montgomery
- 6. Master Officer Delois West (retired)
- 7. Mark Sherman, EIS Coordinator
- 8. Officers Jacob West and Richard Cone
- Officers LeRon Thomas, Jacob West, Michael Hodrick and Adam Osborne
- 10. Officers Ryan Benfield, Troy Fitting and Edwin Valerio

*Distinguished Service Medal* (The Distinguished Service Medal is presented to members who apprehend or cause to be apprehended a dangerous person(s) at grave and/or imminent danger to the member; or to member(s) who perform an act that warrants such recognition).

- 1. Cpl. Charles Fennell
- 2. Officer Monte Southerland and K9 Officers Jonathan Meade and Ryan Wale

# Durham Police Department Civilian Employee of the Year

Cristina Moody

## Durham Police Department Officer of the Year

Sgt. Dale Gunter

*Medal of Valor* (The Medal of Valor is the highest recognition given by the department. Any member may be nominated for the award. The Medal of Valor may be granted to members who distinguish themselves by gallantry and bravery in an attempt to preserve life or property at a clear risk of personal safety. The act must be so conspicuous that it clearly distinguishes the member as one who acted far beyond the call of duty).

- 1. Master Officer John McDonough
- 2. Officer Jacob West